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### BUDGET RECONCILIATION—TAXES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4297, To provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

## Joint Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION

*Conferees* met on Monday, November 14, 2005, to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1200)

H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 14, 2005. (Public Law 109–102).

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction, 11 a.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 467, to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, an original bill entitled “Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2005”, and the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m., SD–562.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine protecting the

consumer from flooded and salvage vehicle fraud, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:15 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine transportation fuels of the future, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the new currency of foreign policy, focusing on the high costs of crude, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine how government can learn from the private sector’s response to Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine The Streamlined Procedures Act relating to habeas reform, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine issues relative to creating new Federal judgeships, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review issues related to the prevention, detection, and eradication of avian influenza, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* hearing on U.S. Immigration Policy and Its Impact on the American Economy, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Fair Use: Its Effects on Consumers and Industry,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Superfund Laws and Animal Agriculture,” 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to consider the following measures: H.R. 3422, Small Public Housing Authority Act; H.R. 2695, Safe Housing Identity Exception for the Lives of Domestic Violence Victims Act; the Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2005; the Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision Act of 2005; and H.R. 3505, Financial Services, Regulatory Relief Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Addressing Seniors’ Housing Needs,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the following: H.R. 3934, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 80 Killian Road in Massapequa, New York, as the “Gerard A. Fiorenza Post Office;” H.R. 4101, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 East Main Street in Patchogue, New York, as the “Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Post Office Building;” H.R. 4107, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1826 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “Maryland State Delegate Lena K. Lee Post Office Building;” H.R. 4108, To designate the facility of

the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building;" H.R. 4109, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office;" H.R. 4152, To designate the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the "Raymond J. Salmon Post Office;" H. Con. Res. 218, Recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of our Filipino-American community to our country over the last century; H.R. 4295, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12760 South Park Avenue in Riverton, Utah, as the "Mont and Mark Stephensen Veterans Memorial Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 289, Supporting the goal and mission of American Recycles Day; and an Investigative Report, Investigation into Rafael Palmeiro's March 17, 2005 Testimony at the Committee on Government Reform's Hearing: "Restoring Faith in America's Pastime: Evaluating Major League Baseball's Efforts to Eradicate Steroid Use." 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Mitigating the Impact of High Gas Prices on the American Workforce," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, to mark up H.R. 4312, To establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on the U.S.-India Global Partnership: How Significant for American Interests? followed by markup of the following measures: H. Con. Res. 190, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards; H. Con. Res. 275, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; H. Con. Res. 280, Mourning the horrific loss of life caused by the floods and mudslides that occurred in October 2005 in Central America and Mexico and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should do everything possible to assist the affected people and communities; H. Con. Res. 284, Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Egypt; H. Con. Res. 294, Calling on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government; H. Res. 438, Urging member states of the United Nations to stop supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East; H. Res. 456, Expressing support for the memorandum of understanding signed by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Free Aceh

Movement on August 15, 2005, to end the conflict in Aceh, a province in Sumatra, Indonesia; H. Res. 458, Remembering and commemorating the lives and work of Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and Cleveland Lay Mission Team Member Jean Donovan, who were executed by members of the armed forces of El Salvador on December 2, 1980; H. Res. 479, Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary; H. Res. 499, Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation; H. Res. 529, Recommending the integration of the Republic of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and H. Res. 535, Honoring the life, legacy, and example of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the tenth anniversary of his death, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, to mark up the following resolutions: H. Res. 479, Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution that began on October 23, 1956 and reaffirming the friendship between the people and governments of the United States and Hungary; H. Res. 499, Condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov on July 9, 2004, in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation; and H. Res. 529, Recommending the integration of the Republic of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 9:45 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 452, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers' Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1071, Desalination Drought Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1090, To designate a Forest Service trail at Walso Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives; H.R. 1190, San Diego Water Storage and Efficiency Act of 2005; H.R. 1595, Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act; H.R. 1728, French Colonial Heritage National Historic Site Study Act of 2005; H.R. 2720, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; H.R. 3124, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Natural Gas Pipeline Enlargement Act; H.R. 3153, Upper Colorado and San Juan Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Implementation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2005; H.R. 3626, Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act of 2005; H.R. 3897, Madera Water Supply and Groundwater Enhancement Project Act; H.R. 3929, Dana Point Desalination Project Authorization Act; H.R. 4192, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System; H.R. 4195, Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Reclamation Act of 2005; H.R. 4292, To amend Public Law

107–153 to further encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims; and S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention and Reduction Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on Ongoing Problems and Future Plans for NOAA Weather Satellites, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on individuals tax proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, 4 p.m., SH-216.